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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Customer Number: 53080

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FOR: FUEL CELL AND FUEL CELL STACK COMPRISING THE SAME.

## AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2011, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on March 22, 2012, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks